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SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL: PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD C
HOTTELET

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1. DURING JUNE 21 CONVERSATION ON VARIOUS PERSONNEL
QUESTIONS, USYG FOR ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT GEORGE
DAVIDSON TOLD MISOFF THAT WALDHEIM NOW HAS GIVEN UP
RECENT NOTION OF APPOINTING HOTTELET AT ASYG LEVEL.
WALDHEIM RECOGNIZES THAT APPOINTMENT AT THIS LEVEL WOULD
BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE ACT OF SUCH HIGH VISIBILITY AND
TRANSPARENCY AS TO DEFEAT HIS INTENT OF ENGAGING
HOTTELET'S SERVICES IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE IMAGE OF UN
AMONG MEDIA. HOTTELET, ACCORDING TO DAVIDSON, INSISTS
THAT HE CANNOT EFFECTIVELY ASSIST SYG IN ATTAINING THIS
GOAL WITHOUT A "CLEAR MANDATE". IN HOTTELET'S VIEW,
MANDATE WILL BE CONFERRED ONLY IF HE IS GRANTED AT
LEAST ASYG RANK.

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2. DAVIDSON STATED WALDHEIM WAS PARTICULARLY INFLUENCED
BY AMBASSADOR LEONARD'S FIRM STATEMENT IN MAY 23 MEETING
(REFTEL) THAT USG "COULD NOT ENCOURAGE" WALDHEIM UTILIZE
ANY OF ASYG POSTS MADE AVAILABLE BY RESTRUCTURING TO
ACCOMMODATE HOTTELET APPOINTMENT. ALSO THIS HELPED
WALDHEIM RECOGNIZE EXTREME DIFFICULTIES SUCH RELATIONSHIP

WOULD POSE FOR USYG FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION, DAVIDSON SAID.

3. DAVIDSON SAID MATTER HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED RECENTLY
WITH HOTTELET. SYG'S CURRENT VIEW IS THAT IF HOTTELET
RAISES SUBJECT, HE SHOULD BE PERSUADED TO ACCEPT
APPOINTMENT AT D-2 LEVEL. YOUNG

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